concentrate on training outstanding juniors and sub-juniors and will form the backbone of our training and coaching system in the years to come.

Long Term Measures have been set out in the Programme of action (POA) which was placed before Parliament in August, 1992. The POA identifies four areas which require comprehensive improvement. These are:

(i) Creating a sport environment;

(ii) Broadbasing;

(iii) Improving competitive standard; and

(iv) Sports Management.

The implementation of the POA will require the coordination and cooperation of a number of Minsitries of the Central Government and also of State Governments, Public and Private Sector Organisations and National Federations.

Making Education System Job Oriented

2900. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a thinking to change the current education policy to make the education system job oriented and self employment generating; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) There is already considerable thrust in the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, as modified in 1992, on vocational education with the objective of enhancing individual employability, and reducing the mismatch between demand and supply of skilled manpower (paras 5.16 to 5.23 of the Policy). The need to have a large number of teachers and professionals in vocational education has been recognised (para 6.9). Technical and management education have been dealt with at length in paras 6.1 to 6.11 in the NPE, 1986. There is stress also on work experience organised as an integral part of the learning process (para 8.14 of the Policy). All aspects of a possible job-oriented education policy are, thus, already enshrined in the NPE, 1986.

Release of Fellowship Grant to Universities in Maharashtra

2901. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been delay in the release of fellowship from U.G.C. to Universities in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to streamline the procedure for release of fellowship grant to universities to avoid hardship to the students; and

(c) if so, what are the facts regarding release of fellowship by U.G.C. to Universities in Maharashtra during the last three years—year-wise and University-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by UGC, one year's advance grant payable as fellowship to Junior Research Fellows is released to the universities on receipt of joining report and other related documents. Further instalment is released on receipt of statement of expenditure in respect of previous grant and the progress report of the research fellows. Due to non-receipt of these documents the Commission could not release grants to some universities in Maharashtra.

(c) A statement showing the amount of